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Parents responsibility vs. child's play

I was hoping you could do an article or let parents know to

take responsibility for children's water guns. We had a family move in and the kids used the hottest water they could get out of the tap. They soaked the other children, which left marks on my son. I didn't approach the family because they're kind of aggressive and I didn't want to make the situation worse.

Kids will be kids, but parents must be parents. I ask everyone in the community to not hesitate to get involved to maintain safety where we work and live. We all have an obligation to immediately intervene in a dangerous situation like that which your son experienced. Had your son been the perpetrator instead of the victim of such misbehavior, I'm sure you would have wanted to know immediately so you could intervene. Bottom line: Our communities are only as safe as the willingness of the residents, whether adults, parents, or kids, to get involved.

Integrity: Bedrock of core values

(Editor's Note: This article was reprinted from the "Policy Letter Digest," a newsletter from the office of the secretary of the Air Force.)

Integrity forms the foundation of Air Force core values. The other values – "service before self" and "excellence in all we do" – depend on "integrity first," said Air Force leaders, at the CORONA Conference.

Core values commitment

At November's long-range planning ACORONA Conference, Air Force leaders reaffirmed their commitment to these core values for the service. The core values from Global Reach, Global Power remain intact as part of the new Air Force strategic vision document, "Global Engagement: A Vision for the 21st Century Air Force." That vision calls for the integration of instruction in core values throughout Air Force training and education programs.

"These core values represent the fundamental principles by which airmen, Air Force civilians and Air Force contractors must carry out their work and live their daily lives," said Sheila Widnall, secretary of the Air Force. "They make the Air Force what it is. They are the values that instill confidence, earn lasting respect and create willing followers. They are the pillars of profes-

sionalism that provide the foundation for military leadership at every level."

"These core values and the sense of community and professionalism they bring to our service are vitally important to the future of our Air Force," said Gen. Ronald R. Fogleman. "That is why integrity is the bedrock of our core values. At the heart of our military profession has to be the idea that a person's word is his bond. If you're going to be in this business, if you going to talk about the profession, you must have integrity."

We don't lie

The chief of staff stressed that, "In the Air Force, we don't pencil-whip training reports, we don't cover up tech data violations, we don't falsify documents, and we don't submit misleading readiness indicators. The bottom line is we don't lie."

According to the new basic guide on core values, integrity also covers other moral traits such as having the courage of one's convictions, creating an open environment within one's unit, treating people in a just manner, taking responsibility for one's actions and standing accountable for them.

"We're entrusted with the security of our nation," said Fogleman. "The tools of our trade are lethal, and we engage in operations that involve risk to human lives and

national treasure. That's why integrity is so important to the profession we're in, and why the standards we are judged by must be higher than the society we serve."

Integrity is essential

He said integrity is particularly essential for Air Force leaders if they expect their troops to execute the mission.

"When you ask young men and women to go and die for their country, when you are put in a situation where you make decisions that employ those people, it's essential that they believe you are a person of honor and integrity who has their best interests at heart."

The general said it wasn't long after he was commissioned that he came face to face with integrity issues in the real world. Based on that, he said, young airmen and officers would do well to build upon integrity as a core value.

"That will give you a framework within which you can make decisions," he said. "Stay within that framework. Selfless service with integrity at the foundation will serve you well."

The core values guide emphasizes the need to not only teach core values, but to continually live and practice them in day-to-day activities in the field. The guide and mandatory training will be available from unit commanders in the next few weeks.



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